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## No Plans for Armed Cuba Action — Rusk

AS the trial continues, horror is piled on incredible horror, but a certain pattern also begins to emerge.

The situation in Poland unfolds their tale of deportations and killings, dulled in tone, perhaps, by many tellings in the early years after their escape, and it becomes clear that at the beginning the destruction of the Jews was brutal, but not systematic.

One witness tells how 3,000 men from his village were marched off, senselessly, in the direction of the Soviet border. Men not summoned for the march tried to join in, in the hope that it meant escape. This march was so grueling even for the S.S. men that these had to be changed in relays, like post horses. The victims were picked off in twos and threes, or dropped by the wayside in exhaustion and were finished off by the guards. Later, there were to be simpler and easier ways of exterminating the Jews, with more paper-work and less marching for the S.S. By mere individual killings, the toll could never have been forced up so high. It took order and method to do that.

This issue may concern the essence of the case before the Court. Yesterday's chief significance for the listeners, however, should have been the glimpse it offered of how it was possible to herd a population of millions into graves and shoot them there to save work. Dr. Moshe Bejski, now a Tel Aviv magistrate, described how 15,000 persons in a camp near Cracow were ordered to witness the hanging of a boy. There had been a rumour that he had been condemned for "singing a Russian song," and this rumour had seemed quite credible at the time. There were only some hundreds of S.S. guards. Then why had such a great mass of prisoners not stormed and attacked? The witness seemed impatient of the Attorney-General's question. "The kind of fear there was then does not exist today, and I cannot describe it." Even the Poles who had homes a few hundred yards away did not try to break out. Where would the Jews have gone in a mass? In yellow prison stripes and a furrow shaved down the middle of their heads? At every deportation there was hope again that this time it was really to a labour camp, where the Jew would be more valuable alive than dead and might survive. When families were split up, they were always told it was for convenience, for a few days. Any protest spelt instant death. But if one could survive just a little longer, perhaps the war would end, perhaps aid would miraculously come. How could you try to escape from a work gang if the whole group, including your two brothers, would be killed immediately as a punishment if you got away? If the old people and children in your family would be brought to the camp and hanged?

A whole trainload could not fight: the armed SS men but a single youth could jump out of a window into the snow at the persuasion of his mother. He never saw anyone from the train again but maybe five or six survived — from his town of 15,000. A who had remained there hidden.

One witness was an athlete. When the SS chased him he tripped them up, when they beat him he broke the chair, and when they let him go he earned himself a German identity card by smuggling chickens to Germany for Nazis serving in the East. A job that was convenient for his other occupation of liaison man between the people in the ghettos, who were no longer allowed to use their.

It is impossible not to observe the extraordinary physical and perhaps mental toughness of those witnesses and to realize in almost the same thought that only because they were exceptionally tough and determined could they have survived and even for these it was chance.

The tale is hideous, but is not one of sheep, but one more set up in an upheaval that the man could no more fight than it can resist, an earthquake or a tidal wave.

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Dean Rusk assured investigating Senators yesterday the U.S. has no plans for armed intervention in Cuba.

**SYSTEM AND SURVIVAL** — The wit- nesses from Nazi-occupied Poland unfold their tale of deportations and killings, dulled in tone, perhaps, by many tellings in the early years after their escape, and it becomes clear that at the beginning the destruction of the Jews was brutal, but not systematic.

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## Gagarin Hero Of Moscow May Day

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## High School Term Till Mid-July

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The current secondary school term will probably be extended by about 22 days to help make up for the time lost in the teachers' strike.

Secondary schools throughout the country reopened on Sunday, the day following the end of the strike. The extension being considered would take the term up to either July 11 or 12. It usually ends for the long summer vacation on June 20. In addition, the usual school holidays for Lag B'Omer and Yom Ha'atzmaut might be shortened this year.

All five members nominated for the special commission to investigate the teachers' claim that they earn less than other professionals have accepted their appointment.

Lavon Advocates Merges Of Labour Parties

Jerusalem Post Reporter

FARDESS HANNA — Mr. Pinhas Lavon, former Secretary-General of the Histadrut, who addressed a May Day rally here yesterday, warned against "dangerous social developments" which threatened the position of the workers class in Israel.

Careerism and bureaucratism were gradually taking the place of a free workers' society, he said. Mr. Lavon advocated the merger of the kibbutz movements and of the workers' parties.

It was Mr. Lavon's first public appearance since he was ousted from his Histadrut post and it was full of allusions to his recent struggle with the Prime Minister.

Chelsea Beats Hapoel XI, 1:0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Hospitality was the keynote yesterday as the Hapoel football selected handed the Chelsea eleven from London a 1:0 victory in their first match in Israel.

Some 20,000 spectators joined Hapoel greats in a game in packed astonishment.

Hapoel centre-half Lefkovitz diverted a rather harmless Chelsea shot into the left corner of his own net, presenting the visitors with the only score of the game.

## Kills Drug Addict In Self-Defence

TEL AVIV. — Yitzhak Bechar, 37, of Jaffa, died on Sunday night after being beaten in the eye by a man whom he had assaulted with an iron bar.

The alleged stabbler, Mr. Amer Kamal Abu-Amra, 25, also of Jaffa, has been held for questioning.

The incident occurred when Bechar, a known drug addict, returned to his home in Rehavia 10 at 11 o'clock. Some 200 yards away, he was starting singing and generally behaving boisterously, a neighbour, Mr. Yitzhak Avnaim, whom Mr. Abu-Amra was visiting, asked him to be quiet. Instead, Bechar started hurling epithets at Avnaim and Abu-Amra came to the support of his host.

At this, Bechar snatched up the iron bar which was lying in the courtyard of the castle at Abu-Amra, striking him twice and continuing to swing away at him. Abu-Amra backed into his host's kitchen, where he picked up a kitchen knife and stabbed Bechar in the eye.

The police picked up Abu-Amra at Denele Hospital where a Major David Adam, ambulance summoned by neighbours had taken him and Bechar for treatment. Bechar died on the operating table.

With deep sorrow we announce the tragic death of our dear, beloved sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and great-aunt, and cousin

## Mania Altshuler

of Tianan, China

The funeral cortège will leave Hadassah Hospital, Rehov Meir, Tel Aviv, today at 1:30 p.m. continue to the deceased's home at 44 Rehov Ticho-Bin-Nun and from there to the Kiryat Shalom Cemetery.

Transportation will be provided from Hadassah Hospital

THE BEREAVED FAMILY

Mrs. Raisa Rootstein and Dr. Anatol Rootstein express their sincere condolences to Mrs. Michael Skidelsky and family on the loss of their mother

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**Flag Bearers** of guest delegations from abroad at the opening ceremony of the Hapoel International Sports Festival at the Ramat Gan Stadium on Sunday night.

## Sports Dominate May Day Events

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Swedish gymnasts, seemingly made of India rubber, stole the show at the brilliant, floodlit pageant opening the 7th Hapoel International Sports Rally at the Ramat Gan Stadium on Sunday night.

President Isidor Ben-Zvi officially opened the six-day

officially marking the 30th anniversary of Hapoel. Present

also were the Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben-Gurion,

Knesset Members, the Chief of Staff, Haim Aluf Zvi Taur,

Mayors, heads of public institutions and diplomats.

The 140-minute display was like a multi-million-dollar Hollywood "spectacle" production, and delighted the crowd of 30,000 spectators on mass performance with thousands of young Hapoel members participating and lighting effects and colour brought into play most effectively. Obviously much training had gone into the impressive mass callisthenics.

Scandinavian Rhythms

But it was a handful of

Scandinavians who reaped

the greatest ovations. Clad in white suits they walked onto the green field stage, followed by the spectators. They opened with rhythmic movements, stepped up the pace with head and arm stands, reaching a crescendo of acrobatic flips and spins, performing like a single creature. Such gymnastic skill has never been seen in Israel before. The performers

were the champion team of Sweden.

On the horses and bare

backides of the Belgians,

Swiss and Finns put

on a remarkably supple performance of gymnastics.

Earlier, thousands of white balloons instead of the traditional pigeons were set loose, and these reached a great height and were

followed by highlights. Next

came the firework display of the 38

participating countries presented, starting with Uganda, and followed by Austria, Italy, Ethiopia, U.S.A., Burma, Belgium, Great Britain, Ghana, Denmark, South Africa, Holland, Ivory Coast, Togo, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Japan, Liberia, Malaya, Nigeria, Nepal, Norway, the Philippines, Finland, Portugal, France, Congo (Brazzaville), Kenya, Cyprus, Sweden, Switzerland and Israel.

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# B-G on Relations with Jewry

**1950 'Non-Interference' Agreement with Blaustein Confirmed**

The American Jewish Committee announced in New York on Monday that it had reached an understanding with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion clarifying the relationship between Israel and Jews in other democracies.

The agreement was reached in a joint statement with Mr. Jacob Blaustein, U.S. industrial and honorary chairman of the American Committee, who had discussed with Mr. Ben-Gurion in a series of meetings that lasted over nine hours the speech of last December in which Mr. Ben-Gurion cited a Talmudic dictum that "whoever dwells outside the land of Israel is considered to be without God."

Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement then touched off a storm in the U.S. Jewish community, but the Prime Minister said that he had been misunderstood and had no intention of saying the American Jewry was quisous. Mr. Blaustein returned home last week and reported on his talks with Mr. Ben-Gurion at the A.J.C.'s annual meeting in New York. The text of the joint declaration signed in Jerusalem on April 25 by Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Blaustein is as follows:

"Mr. Jacob Blaustein came to Israel with me last week talking over with the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, some matters relative to the relationship between Israel and the Jewish communities abroad, and in particular the United States. As is well known, Mr. Blaustein had, in August, 1950, concluded an agreement with Mr. Ben-Gurion on these matters, after having had at that time exhaustive and detailed conversations with him on all aspects of these problems.

## Doubts Fall in U.S.

"In late some elements in the American Jewish community had, it appears, felt some doubts as to whether that agreement still had its full validity as far as Mr. Ben-Gurion and the Israeli Government are concerned. I immediately, as these doubts had been entertained, they had been based on certain pronouncements made and actions taken by Mr. Ben-Gurion and by other members of the Israel Government.

"In the course of this visit Mr. Blaustein had a number of detailed conversations with Mr. Ben-Gurion, who warmly welcomed the opportunity to talk these matters over once more with Mr. Blaustein, as he had done in 1950 "and a number of times since. The conversations were held in the spirit of candor and friendliness which has characterized the relationship of many years' standing between Mr. Jacob Blaustein and Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

"The result of these conversations has been a reaffirmation of the views of both Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Blaustein of the spirit and the content of the 1950 Agreement. It was agreed that it is perfectly natural for differences of view to exist on the essence and the meaning of Judaism and Jewishness, both inside Amer-



Prime Minister Ben-Gurion with Mr. Jacob Blaustein.

ican Jewry and between various Jewish communities in various parts of the world, and in particular between the Jews who live in the independent State of Israel and Jews living in other countries. It was emphasized, however, in this connection, that it would be improper for those holding these different views to act in violation of this Agreement. It was admitted that some misunderstandings could occur, owing to the fact that Mr. Ben-Gurion now and then takes the liberty of expressing views on a variety of topics that are his own rather than those of the Government of Israel.

"In particular Mr. Ben-Gurion undertook to do everything within his power to see that the Agreement is in future carried out in spirit and to draw the attention of members of the Cabinet and other responsible officers of the Government of Israel to his desire that the spirit and content of the Agreement be fully respected."

These are some of the salient points of the 1950 Agreement which consisted of agreed statements by Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Blaustein:

Mr. Blaustein:

To my mind, the position is that the Jews of the United States, as a group and as individuals, have only one political attachment and that is to the United States of America. They have given their allegiance to Israel. In the first statement which the representatives of Israel made before the United Nations after her admission to the United Nations organization, he clearly stated without any reservations that the State of Israel represents the people of Israel on behalf of its own citizens and that we may presume to represent or speak in the name of the Jews who are citizens of any other country. The people of Israel have no desire and no intention to interfere in any way with the internal affairs of Jewish communities abroad. The Government of Israel, I hope, will fully respect the right and integrity of the Jewish communities in other countries to develop their own mode of life and their own social, economic and cultural institutions in accordance with their needs and aspirations. Any weakening of American Jewish life, any lowering of its sense of security, any diminution of its status

## VISITORS' GALLERY: Andre Barsacq

### THE AUTHOR'S THE THING

FOR Andre Barsacq, Director of "L'Atelier" — the French theatrical group at present touring Israel, drama is comment on life. For him, therefore, the Author is of a particular importance, and he looks for authors who have something to say about this turbulent world of ours. When he does not find enough interesting material in the work of established playwrights, he tries to persuade novelists to write for the theatre. More than ten years ago when he brought Anouilh to the theatre and last year he brought

Francis Bagan. Plays by both authors are being given by "L'Atelier" in its present tour.

A playwright need not always be "born on the stage," says Barsacq, because today he does not have to break his head in struggling to find plausible situations to bring the action reasonably into the scope of four walls and two hours. The cinema has educated the public to take as much for granted that the theatre is better to the novel. However, the producer has to work closely with the author, warning him of possible pitfalls and advising on theatre techniques.

Barsacq is not interested in theatre based on visual effects only. Plays without humour interest but do not move him. His productions mirror his own temperament and reveal a slightly ironic, but warm, approach to humanity. Man is such an animal, but let us not demand too much of him, after all we are all human — he seems to say on the stage. He certainly speaks this way.

#### The Case of Marceau

Felicien Marceau, the author of "The Egg" which Barsacq produced both in Paris and in Tel Aviv (at the Habimah), was one author who understood the producer well. "I am sorry about the denazification committee which branded Marceau as a collaborator," M. Barsacq says. It appears that Marceau had been convicted in Germany on a rather minor charge during the occupation, as a

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## Readers' Letters

### PHONE REPAIRS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Today I rang up the Repairs Section of the telephone department and asked them to check on the condition of a number I had dialed in vain for some time. "Out of order," the telephonist replied. "Will you please see what it is repaired?" I requested. Only if the subscriber reports it himself. These are our regulations."

May I ask the Minister of Posts whether it is the case that in many cases when our repairmen come to repair "out of order" telephones, at the request of telephoners, it turned out that the subscriber had disconnected his telephone (by pulling the plug out) or had not closed the receiver or had not answered his telephone because he did not wish to be disturbed. In such cases, the visit of the repairman has been met with indifference on the part of the subscriber who has complained that he had not notified the post office that his telephone was out of order.

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Post Relations Officer  
Ministry of Posts  
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Yours etc.

SHALOM LAUER

Haifa, March 8.

### Post Office Replies

Repairs to a subscriber's telephone are carried out at his request or at the request of someone in his name. This practice is the result of experience which has shown

young reporter, he interviewed people for the radio. Of his 200 interviews the court found that four were舞弊的. One was舞弊的 because they mentioned the Germans in a sympathetic light. One of these was the report of a returning prisoner of war who had said that the German POW camps were well run.

After all, people worked under difficult circumstances and the bristles become soft in next to no time.

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Yours etc.

ARTHUR A. A. COHEN

Tel Aviv, April 14.

### TOOTHBRAHES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — What has happened to the toothbrush industry?

In the good old days one could buy a durable bristle-toothbrush, rounded, which fitted the inside curve of the teeth and lasted for years.

Today the country is flooded with shoddy stiff plastic toothbrushes which rip the gums, whether hot or not the same things range in price between 10 and 30 agorot. No difference in quality. If one generation tries to find a bristle-toothbrush, the only thing available has a convex-shaped head, far too large for children, and the bristles become soft in next to no time.

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### SUNDAY'S PRESS

ON CONSTANT GUARD

Hamodia (World Aguda)

takes a serious view of the air clash in the Halutz region on Friday morning which culminated in the shooting of an Egyptian. Mig. 17,

adding that this enemy reconnaissance, coming hot on the heels of the Arab Chiefs of Staff conference in Cairo at which "secret decisions" in connection with Israel were adopted, indicate military preparations.

Hanokh (Liberal) breathes a sigh of relief with the termination of the high school teachers' strike, recalling that the teachers lost the public's sympathy because they drew their pay too taut. It is to

be hoped that the decision of the five-man committee of the Hamodia (World Aguda)

to iron out the final difficulties will not cause further complications.

Herut writes that the Government's agreeing to pay the teachers an advance on future salary adjustments proves that the teachers were right in their demands all along, and stresses that it is too early for hurrahs since issues that sparked the strike are not yet settled. The committee named to deal with them should make all haste to hammer out an immediate settlement.

Hatzofe (National Religious) observes that the fight

of the orthodox

Jews for a writer and labour champion who was murdered in an Arab attack on Jewish workers on May 1 forty years ago.

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## MARGINAL COMMENT

### BETTER THE MAGYARS!

By Nessim Rejwan

by Christian Nationalism." (Middle East Report 1959, Washington, 1960, pp. 8-9).

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PERHAPS the chief obstacle to full Arab union, however, is what may be termed the psycho-cultural barrier. For despite a common language, a shared history and more or less uniform cultural tradition, considerable differences persist — of temperament, of custom and of specific environment. The situation is remarkably analogous to that which confronted the Pan-Slavists of a century ago. Pan-Slavism, like Pan-Arabism, aspired to a union of the Slav peoples that was based largely on the language factor. Both were movements in which — in the words of Hans Kohn describing Pan-Slavism — "nationalist elements were mingled with supra-national and often imperialist trends." To those who have listened to General Kassem's speeches and read the literature of the "anti-unionists" in Iraq, the following quotation from Karel Havlicek, the great Czech intellectual who died over 100 years ago, will no doubt have a familiar ring:

"I learned to know Poland and I did not like it. With a feeling of hostility and pain I left it. I was in Moscow and in the worst cold I arrived in Moscow, being warmed mostly by the love feeling in my heart. The freezing temperature in Moscow, the other Russian experts extinguished the last spark of Polish love in me. So I returned to Prague, a simple Czech, even with some secret anger against the name. Since then which a number of us, inspired by Poland and Poland had made suspect to me. Above all, I express my firm conviction that the Slavs, that means the Russians, the Poles, the Czechs, the Slovaks, etc., are not one nation. The idea of a single state forever remains a purely geographical and scientific name. Nationality is not only determined by language, but also by customs, religion, family, government, state of education, sympathies, etc. (Quoted in Hans Kohn, Pan-Slavism, pp. 28-29)."

LIKE the present-day critics of the Egyptian and Syrian Pan-Arabs, Havlicek found the Pan-Slavians of the Russians and Poles merely a desire on the part of these two nations to use the other Slavs for their own purposes. "I admit," he once flatly wrote, "that I prefer the Magyars, who are open enemies of the Czechs and Slovaks, to the Russians, who approach us with the Judas embrace — to put us into their pockets. We are Czechs and we wish to remain Czechs forever, and we do not wish to become either Germans or Magyars or Russians; and therefore we shall be cool to the Russians, if we do not wish to be hostile to them." It would seem that the Arabs in their various lands are in need of just such local intellectual leaders as Frantisek Palacky and Karel Havlicek who, in the words of Hans Kohn, led their people "from the romantic sentimentalism of the beginning of their national rebirth to a realism which abhorred rash adventures and grandiose hopes."

Tel Aviv, May 2.

of the orthodoxy right to give their children an orthodox education is a right for democracy.

The three Labour papers, Dar al-Hisabat, Lamherav (Ahud Ha'avodah) and Al-Hamishmar (Mapam) all issued yesterday May Day manifestos and recalled Yosef Hayim Brenner, who was murdered in an Arab attack on Jewish workers on May 1 forty years ago.

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